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**SOURCE:** US citizen; political historian who maintains contact with writers interested in East European history and political affairs.

1. In late October 1976, Constantin Hanff, editor of the New York City-based Polish-language paper "Wolna Polska" ("Free Poland"), stated that he has contact with three Polish merchant seamen who periodically smuggle his publication into Poland and other East European countries. Hanff did not name the sailors or identify their ships, but he said they are on three separate vessels which visit Baltic seaports as well as ports in the US. According to Hanff, the seamen are motivated by their anti-communist feelings and refuse to accept any compensation for their activities.
2. Hanff's citizenship status is unknown. Probably in his early 50's, he is rather volatile in political discussions and, on occasion, has organized demonstrations against the Polish UN delegation. He supports himself through his journalistic efforts and translation work, utilizing his fluency in Polish, Russian and German. Judging by his strong anti-communist proclivities, it is likely he would be receptive to an approach by US intelligence services.
3. Hanff's address and phone number are:

112-50 Fifty Eighth Avenue  
Apartment 5-A  
Forest Hills  
Queens - New York City, New York  
Telephone: 212-686-6065

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